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May 2005 FOCUS Updates

- **Re-Opening of Meat and Poultry Surveys:**

Most of the Beef, Pork, Egg, Turkey, and Chicken surveys will be re-opened during the first week of June for later delivery periods. Watch for our email!

- **Beef Price Adjustments:**

Beef product prices were adjusted to better reflect current market pricing so that the valid pre-orders will more accurately draw down on entitlement. Those items updated follow:

- Coarse Ground and fine grind - \$1.60
- Fresh Boneless Beef - \$1.52

- **Chicken Fajitas:**

The caps for the chicken fajitas have been revised based on last school year purchases. The new allocations nationally went from \$8.0 million to \$16.0 million for SY 2006.

- **Fruit & Nut Mix:**

This product will be offered as an entitlement commodity, typically this mix has been offered as a bonus where surpluses were evident. Due to favorable reviews Fruit & Nut Mix, entitlement survey number 05-H-35 A260 and A261 will be soon be released along with the third set of fruit and vegetables during the first week of June. These surveys will close on July 8th.

- **Bonus Potatoes:**

Bonus Frozen Potato pre-survey (02-H-40) is open until 23 May 05.

- **Don't Front Load Orders:**

Make every effort possible to spread orders throughout the delivery periods. Delivery orders are analyzed to ensure that there are appropriate amounts in each delivery period as well as sufficient product to meet demand.